

APPENDIX A - GED® ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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RELATES TO: KRS 151B.023, 151B.125, 158.6455

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 151B.023, 151B.410, EO 2005-565

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 151B.410(1) requires the Department for Adult Education and Literacy to promulgate necessary administrative regulations and administer a statewide adult education and literacy system through the state. KRS 151B.023 requires the Department for Adult Education and Literacy to carry out the statewide mission on adult education. KRS 151B.125 recognizes the General Educational Development (GED) Tests for high school equivalency purposes in Kentucky. EO 2005-725 abolished the Department for Adult Education and Literacy and transferred its duties to the Council on Postsecondary Education. KRS 158.6455 excludes students from a school's dropout rate if the student is enrolled in a district-operated or district-contracted alternative program leading to a certificate of completion of a GED diploma (known as the secondary GED program). This administrative regulation establishes the eligibility requirements for taking the GED Tests.

Section 1. Eligibility Requirements. The GED Tests shall be administered to an applicant with a Kentucky address who:

- (1) Has reached his 19th birthday;
- (2) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age and has officially withdrawn from public or private school for ninety (90) days as certified by the local school district; or
- (3) Is at least sixteen (16) years of age with a Kentucky address, and is:
 - (a) Committed or placed in a state correctional facility;
 - (b) Enrolled in the Jobs Corps Program of Instruction;
 - (c) Considered a state agency child, as defined by KRS 158.135(1)(a) and receives approval for the GED Tests from his interdisciplinary team;
 - (d) Detained in a juvenile detention center or juvenile holding facility, and the applicant:
 1. Is at least one (1) year behind academically from his graduating class;
 2. Has a minimum stay in detention of thirty (30) days; and
 3. Is approved for the GED Tests by the local school superintendent; or
 - (e) Enrolled in a Kentucky Department of Education approved Secondary GED Program under 704 KAR 7:150 and is approved for the GED Tests by the local school superintendent.

Section 2. Superintendent Waiver. The local school superintendent or designee in the district where the applicant was last enrolled may waive the ninety (90) day school withdrawal provision of Section 1(2) of this administrative regulation if necessary due to a deadline for postsecondary enrollment, condition of employment, medical reason, or family circumstances.

Section 3. Test Readiness. An applicant shall be certified as test-ready by an entity approved by Kentucky Adult Education.

- (1) Before taking the official GED Tests, an applicant shall:
 - (a) Successfully complete the Official GED Practice Test with the same passing scores required for the GED test or present a Kentucky Educational Television GED Connection Voucher; and
 - (b) Complete the Kentucky Adult Education GED Testing Application. This form shall be available from a county adult education provider, school district, or the Kentucky Adult Education.
- (2) Military personnel shall:
 - (a) Not be required to complete the GED Test Application prior to taking the test; and
 - (b) Complete the Military GED Application (Form 300-M) before a high school equivalency diploma shall be issued.

Section 4. Incorporation by Reference. (1) The following material is incorporated by reference:

- (a) Kentucky Adult Education GED Testing Application, June 2005; and

(b) "Application for High School Equivalency Diploma or Certificate (Military GED Application) (Form 300-M)", revised 6/96 edition, GED Testing Service, Washington, D.C.

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